



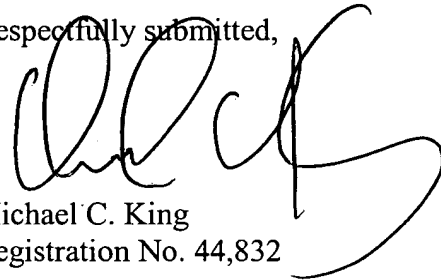
1 straight vanes of Hayes (or Zaniewski) with curved vanes, and there is no evidence that doing so  
2 would solve a problem recognized in the art. Accordingly, the rejection of Claim 1 under  
3 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by either Hayes or Zaniewski should be withdrawn.

4 Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

5 The Examiner has in the alternative rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious  
6 over either (or both) Hayes or Zaniewski. However, the amendment to Claim 1 further obviates this  
7 alternative rejection, because the cited art does not teach or suggest curved vanes like those recited in  
8 the claim.

9 In view of the preceding remarks, it should be evident that this application is in condition for  
10 allowance and should be passed to issue without delay. Should any further questions remain, the  
11 Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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